

JANUARY

First Day Hike
“*with Nature’s assistance*”
Shaping the 18th Century Landscape

January 1st
Join park rangers to learn more about American Indian and early settlers’ role in shaping the landscape; as well as how nature affected man’s movement and settlement patterns in the 18th century. Find out about the 18th century forest compared to today’s woodlands. The hike will travel through woods and fields over various types of terrain. This easy to moderate hike will be between 2 and 3 miles. Participants are asked to wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the weather (rain, snow or shine), and bring water for drinking. Meet at the visitor Center at 11 am. Park entrance fees apply.

FEBRUARY

“To Garrison the Fort...”
Experience life in the winter at the fort during the French and Indian War as members of the recreated Joshua Beall’s Maryland Company garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and military drills. Hours are 11 am to 3pm Saturday, and 11 am to 2pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

MARCH

“To Garrison the Fort...”
Experience life at the fort during the French and Indian War as members of the recreated 17th Virginia Company “Gist’s Scouts” garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and military drills. Hours are 11 am to 3pm Saturday, and 11 am to 2pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

APRIL

Youth Fishing Rodeo
Bring your budding fisherman/fisherman to catch stocked trout and other fish at Fort Frederick’s Beaver Pond. The event is open to children ages 15 and under. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. Meet at gravel parking lot after RR tracks. All children must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. Bring your own gear and bait. Staff will be available to assist. Open 8 am to noon. Park entrance fees apply.

18th Century Market Fair
Now in its 23rd year, the Market Fair features the best artisans, craftspeople, and sutlers together with an 18th century encampment. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm Thu, Fri, Sat and 9 am to 3 pm Sun. Sponsored by the Friends of Fort Frederick State Park. Admission Fee Charged.

MAY

Western Maryland Rail Trail
Guided Bike Tour
Brilliant spring wildflowers brighten the journey as you learn about the flora and fauna along the Western Maryland Rail Trail. The guided bike ride is approximately 20 miles long roundtrip and is taken at a leisurely pace. Join us at the C&O Bicycle Shop in Hancock at 10 am.

“To Garrison the Fort...”
Experience life at the fort during the French and Indian War as members of the recreated Joshua Beall’s and Alexander Beall’s Maryland Companies garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and military drills. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

Get Into Nature Weekend
Bring your family and friends to explore the natural side of Fort Frederick State Park. This annual event features self-guided and staff-led outdoor nature and recreation activities for all interest levels and ages. Bring your bike, binoculars, kayak/canoe and camera! Activities run from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Saturday night will feature a special stargazing astronomy program starting at dark. Contact the Park for details. Park entrance fees apply.

JUNE

Colonial Children’s Day
Fun and Games
Children ages 8 to 12 will be transported back in time as they take part in a day of hands-on 18th century fun and games. Participants will experience the how children entertained themselves during the colonial period, with games such as blind man’s bluff and trap ball, and activities like kite making and musical entertainment just to name a few. Hours are 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch is included. There is a fee and *advanced registration is required and limited*. Registration is limited to 20 children.

National Trails Day
Woodmont Trail Guided Hike
To celebrate National Trails Day join the park naturalist to explore the Wildlife Heritage Trail at Woodmont. Meet at the Trail Head parking lot along Woodmont Road at 9 am for this 2 hour hike. Please call 301-842-2155 for details. Sturdy hiking attire is suggested. Please bring plenty of water. There are no restrooms along the trail.

Junior Ranger Week Park Pal
Fun in Nature
This is a fun filled, hands-on nature learning experience. Wear old clothes, because participants will get dirty! The ‘Park Pals’ program for kids ages 4-7 will consist of five

sessions held 9 am to 11:30 am daily and focus on the various habitats in the park. There is a service fee for the program and *pre-registration is limited and required*. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

Junior Ranger Week
Exploring Nature
This is a fun filled, hands-on nature learning experience. Wear old clothes, because participants will get dirty! The Jr. Ranger program for kids age 8-12 will consist of five sessions held 1:30-4 pm daily and focus on creating backyard habitat for butterflies and their friends. There is a service fee for the program and *pre-registration is limited and required*. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

“To Garrison the Fort...”
Experience life during the American Revolutionary War as members of the recreated Maryland Independent Rifles garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and military drills. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

JULY

“The Fort is Pretty Full”
Fort Frederick during the American Revolution
Join park staff in celebrating America’s birthday by learning about Fort Frederick role as a Prisoner of War Camp during the American Revolution. Highlights of the event include talks on the fort in the Revolution, musket firing demonstrations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and military drills. Programs will be held daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Entrance fees may apply.

Astronomy Program
Come join our park naturalist and the Tri-State Astronomers for a night of star gazing and sky navigation. Visitors will learn the basics of sky navigation and telescope use while looking through our 10 inch Dobsonian reflecting telescope. Visitors are welcome to bring their own viewing devices as well. In the case of clouds or rain an indoor astronomy education program will be offered. Park entrance fees may apply.

“Repair to the Fort”...Pontiac’s Rebellion
Experience life at the fort as civilians and militia flee to the fort for safety during Pontiac’s uprising. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a clothing talk and militia drills. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

AUGUST

The American Soldier Through the Ages
Aug. 5th & 6th

The military history of For Frederick spans the 18th and 19th centuries. Building upon that legacy, the park will be hosting a “Soldier Through the Centuries” program. With “hands-on” displays of weapons, uniforms and military gear from the 1600’s colonial militia, Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War II, historical interpreters from the Fort will be describing how soldiering changed over time while maintaining certain common elements. The visiting public will be given a rare opportunity to come in close contact with antiques from our military past. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Park entrance fees apply.

French & Indian War Muster
French, British, and American Indian reenactors assemble for three days of 18th century living history demonstrations and battle reenactments. Period crafts and food vendor will also be available. Hours are 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and 9 am to 3 pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

SEPTEMBER

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One Fort: Three Wars
Through living history demonstrations discover the part Fort Frederick played during the French and Indian War, American Revolution and Civil War. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Park entrance fees apply.

Woodmont
Lodge Open House & Guided Hike
Showcasing the picturesque and historic Woodmont Lodge, the annual open house enables visitors to explore memories of the early days of conservation in Maryland. Visitors can also enjoy ranger guided hike at 1 pm. Open house hours are 11 am to 4 pm. Directional signs will be placed on Woodmont Rd. Entrance fees may apply.

Public Lands Day
Western Maryland Rail Trail Clean Up
Join volunteers around the nation to celebrate your local public lands. Meet in the town of Hancock at the Church Street gate on the Western Maryland Rail Trail to help park staff clean up litter, weeds and other debris. Event runs from 9 – 11 am.

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OCTOBER

Fort Frederick in the Civil War Oct. 7th & 8th

To commemorate Fort Frederick's role in the American Civil War, reenactors will assemble for a weekend of living history demonstrations and tactics demonstrations. Hours are 10 am to 3 pm.

Western Maryland Rail Trail Oct. 14th Guided Bike Tour

Enjoy vivid fall colors as you learn about the exploration and expansion of Western Maryland along the former Western Maryland Railway corridor. The guided bike ride is approximately 22 miles long and is taken at a leisurely pace. Join us at the C&O Bicycle Shop in Hancock at 10 am.

A Pleasant Diversion Oct. 21st & 22nd

Experience pleasant diversions from military life at the fort during the French and Indian War as members of the recreated Maryland Troops garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing demonstrations, colonial toys and games and other fun activities from the time. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Saturday; Saturday at 7pm will be campfire program celebrating Guy Fawke/Bonfire night. Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Park entrance fees apply.

NOVEMBER

Cherokee at Fort Frederick Nov. 4th & 5th American Indian Heritage Month Program

This hour long presentation will examine the story of the Cherokee who fought on the side of Maryland during the French and Indian War. The presentation will be held in the park's Visitor Center at 11 am and 2 pm, both Saturday and Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

Memorial Day to Labor Day May 27 - September 4, 2017

Junior Ranger Historian Activity Booklet

Young visitors ages 5-14 should ask for the Junior Ranger Historian Activity Booklet at the Visitor Center to learn how historians discover the past. Allow 2 hours to complete. Park entrance fees apply.

Nature Programs & Nature Center

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the summer, park rangers will lead a one hour nature hike or program starting at 11:00 am. The Nature Center will be staffed from 1-5 pm for environmental education activities. Contact the park after May 1 for details.

Daily Fort Programs

Daily interpretive programs are presented on weekends in the spring and fall, and seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call for program schedule.

For Information call 301-842-2155

To Learn More...



More information is available on the park's website:
<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/fortfrederick.aspx>

School & Group Programs

Historical tours of Fort Frederick, as well as programs that explore the park's natural resources can be arranged for school classes and organized groups. For more information and to schedule a program with one of our Historical Interpreters or Naturalists, call 301-842-2155.

The Fort Frederick State Park Complex consists of, the Western Maryland Rail Trail, Woodmont Natural Resources Management Area and Fort Frederick State Park.

The Western Maryland Rail Trail is a 23 mile paved trail, which follows the path of the Western Maryland Railway. The trail is appropriate for walking, hiking, biking, and in-line skating.

Woodmont NRMA began as a hunt club in 1870. During its historic use, Woodmont was home to a very successful wild game restoration program as well as hosting numerous dignitaries and U.S. presidents. Currently, there are 2,000 acres open year-round for public outdoor recreational use.

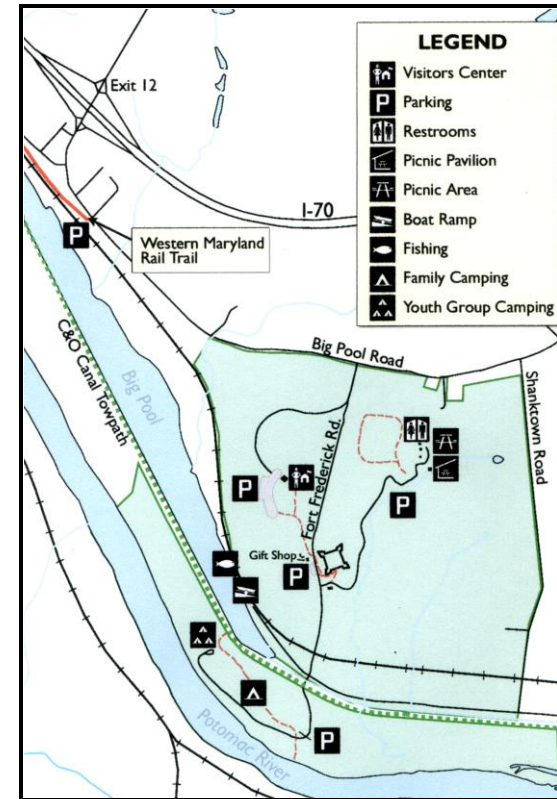
Fort Frederick was built by the colony of Maryland in 1756 to protect western inhabitants and as a base to attack French strongholds in the Ohio River valley. Camping and picnic facilities are also available in the park.

The facilities and services of the Department of Natural Resources are available to all without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or physical or mental disability. This document is available in alternative format upon request from a qualified individual with a disability. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested.

Friends of Fort Frederick State Park, Inc.

The Friends of Fort Frederick State Park, Inc. is a 501C(3) organization that provides financial and volunteer support for park activities throughout the year in order to enhance the visitor's experience by providing educational opportunities at Fort Frederick. For information and to become a member visit their website: www.friendsoffortfrederick.info

The Park Complex's Visitor Center is located off of Interstate 70 Exit 12 at State Route 56 near Big Pool, MD.



Fort Frederick State Park
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2017 Calendar of Events

Fort Frederick State Park Complex

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WESTERN MARYLAND RAIL TRAIL



Woodmont Natural Resources Management Area

